realise the desired intention for which they have been recruited on earlier occasions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Scout Battalions such as Ladakh Scouts, Garhwal Scouts, Kumaon Scouts and Dogra Scouts are regular battalions forming part of the Indian Army. The personnel for such battalions are recruited locally, to capitalise on their knowledge of language and familiarity with terrain and are deployed in respective regions along our Northern borders.

Induction of Lakshya in IAF

2399. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenously developed Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) "Lakshya" has been successfully fired from the Interim Test Range (ITR);

(b) whether this aircraft has now been included in our Air Force; and

(c) whether this remote controlled aircraft is being used for imparting training to the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indigenously designed and developed PTA — Lakshya has been successfully test fired from the ITR. Five Lakshyas have been delivered for induction in Indian Air Force (IAF) as per their requirements.

(c) This remotely controlled aircraft is designed for training of missile and gun crews for firing practice against a simulated enemy aircraft.

Construction of roads by BRO in Uttaranchal

†2400. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the new roads being constructed by the Border Roads Organisation in Uttaranchal and the total length of roads in kms. proposed to be built by this organisation in Uttaranchal in the year 2003-2004;

(b) whether some roads are being constructed or were being constructed earlier in the district of Pithoragarh by this organisation;

(c) if so, the names of such roads separately;

(d) whether there is any proposal to complete these roads during the present Five Year Plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There is no porposal to construct new roads in Uttaranchal. However following road works on existing roads in the State are proposed to be executed during 2003-2004:

(i) Formation cutting — 89.63 Km.

(ii) Surfacing of roads — 103.44 Km.

(iii) Permanent Works — Rs. 44.55 Crs.

(iv) Major Permanent Bridges — 253.25 Mtrs.

(b) to (f) Construction/development of two roads namely Tanakpur-Tawaghat and Tawaghat-Jibti is in progress and they are proposed to be completed by 2007. Works on road Ghatiabagarh-Lipulekh have not yet commenced for want of forest clearance. However the originally scheduled date of completion of this road is 2005.

Kalinga Regiment

2401. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has made a proposal for raising of "Kalinga Regiment" in our Defence Forces; and

(b) if so, the details of the request made and the status of the proposal?